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El Salvador: The five-man ruling Directorate has quickly consolidated its position following the 25 January military coup against a three-month-old regime that had come under heavy Communist and pro-Castro influence. Numerous Communists have been arrested, but sporadic acts of violence against the new authorities are still probable. Anti-militarist sentiment is strong in the university, where Communist student leaders may be attempting to organize a student protest strike and acts of sabotage and terrorism. The armed forces at present appear united behind the new regime, but the detention of several high-ranking and capable officers for their association with exiled ex-President Osorio could lead to dangerous cleavages in the future. The new government, which is conservatively oriented, has repeatedly proclaimed that it will rule democratically and on 30 January announced the lifting of martial law. The new leaders have also publicly expressed recognition of the need for social reform and have said that the era of "rich take all" is over in El Salvador. To date, only Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Spain have recognized the new regime.	<i>○K</i>
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### Political Discontent May Cause Open Rift in the Burmese Army Command

From the time of General Ne Win's decision in August 1959 to return the Burmese Government to civilian control through national elections, there have been rumblings of discontent among senior army officers. They have argued that the Burmese people are not prepared to choose intelligently in national elections, and that the sweeping armysponsored reforms had not been adequately established in Burmese society. The overwhelming victory of U Nu's Union party in the parliamentary elections of February 1960, with the ensuing elimination of the army's reforms and deterioration of the government's administrative efficiency, has increased the army's discontent.

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The outcome of the commanding officers' conference is uncertain Although

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Ne Win's prestige in the army may have slipped,			
over the past year, ne			
could not be displaced without disrupting the unity of the			
army-the only united and disciplined base of power in			
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